

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1-5. (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) A display device disposed in a cabin of a construction machine, which comprises:

a display screen with a background portion and a display portion, the display portion displaying a current status of the construction machine, the display device displaying at least one color in the background portion thereof and at least one image in the display portion thereof, said at least one color displayed in said background portion and said at least one image displayed in said display portion respectively having a brightness, saturation and hue; and change means for changing, without user intervention, at least one of the respective brightness, saturation and hue of said at least one color displayed in said background portion relative to the respective brightness, saturation and hue of said at least one image displayed in said display portion.

7. (previously presented) A display device disposed in a cabin of a construction machine according to claim 6, wherein said change means changes one of the following:

(1) the brightness, saturation or hue of said color displayed in said background portion, and

(2) the brightness, saturation or hue of one of said color displayed in said background portion and said image displayed in said display portion which occupies a larger area on said display screen.

8. (previously presented) A display device disposed in a cabin of a construction machine according to claim 6, wherein said change means changes the brightness, saturation or hue of said color displayed in said background portion.

9. (previously presented) A display device disposed in a cabin of a construction machine according to claim 6, further comprising:

an illumination switch for turning an illumination on and off, wherein in response to the ON/OFF of said illumination switch, said change means changes one of the following:

(1) the brightness, saturation or hue of said color displayed in the said background portion,

(2) the brightness, saturation or hue of said image displayed in said display portion, and

(3) the brightness, saturation or hue of one of said color displayed in said background portion and said image displayed in said display portion which occupies a larger area on said display screen.

10. (currently amended) A display device disposed in a cabin of a construction machine, which comprises:

a display screen with a background portion and a display portion, the display portion displaying a current status of the construction machine, the display device displaying at least one color in the background portion thereof and at least one image in the display portion thereof, said at least one color displayed in said background portion and said at least one image displayed in said display portion respectively having a brightness, saturation and hue; illuminance detecting means for detecting illuminance inside or outside of the cabin; and

change means for changing, without user intervention, at least one of the respective brightness, saturation and hue of said at least one color displayed in said background portion relative to the respective brightness, saturation and hue of said at least one image displayed in said display portion, depending on whether the illuminance detected by said illuminance detecting means is higher or lower than a predetermined threshold value.

11. (previously presented) A display device disposed in a cabin of a construction machine according to claim 6, wherein said change means changes the brightness, saturation or hue of said color displayed in said background portion and said image displayed in said display portion at the same time.

12. (previously presented) A display device disposed in a cabin of a construction machine according to claim 10, wherein said change means changes the brightness, saturation or hue of said color displayed in said background portion and said image displayed in said display portion at the same time.